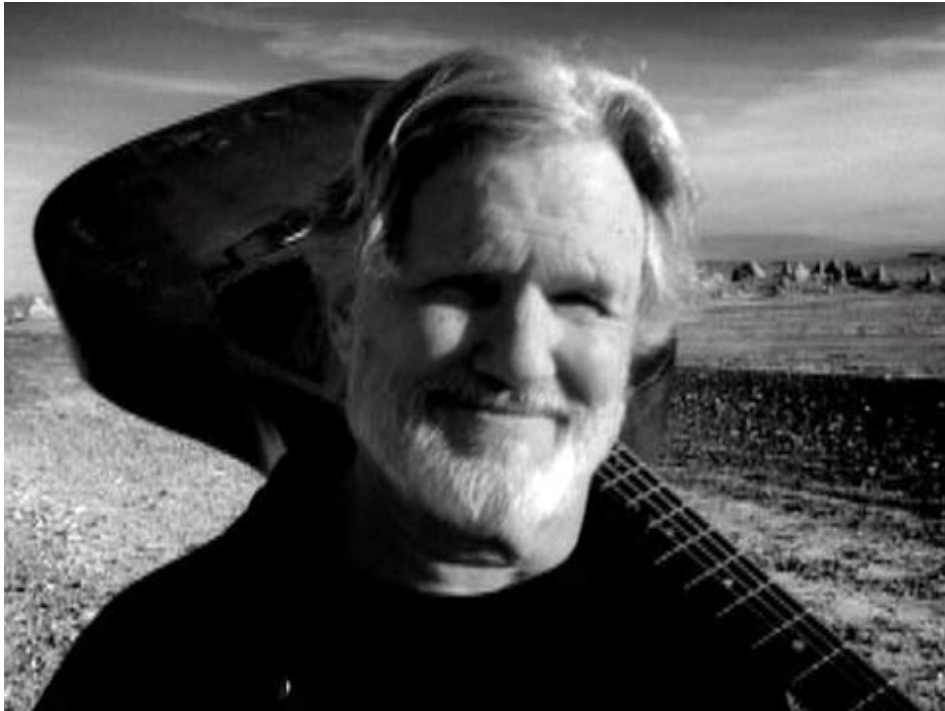


Live in Texas Presents: Kris Kristofferson



Today, we will be presenting Kris Kristofferson! Kristoffer Kristofferson was born in Brownsville, Texas. His family was of military descent and as such, Kris grew as a military brat. This resulting in him moving around a lot, until he settled in San Mateo, California. Interestingly enough, he was an aspiring writer and seemingly a jack of all trades in college. He excelled in rugby union, football, and track and field. He graduated and went on to Oxford University where he began writing music., With the help of Larry Parnes, he began recording. He wanted to promote his musical career as means of prompting his progress toward becoming an author. Regardless, his early phase into ,music was unsuccessful. He graduated with a B Phil in English literature and eventually continued the tradition of joining the Army, where he achieved the rank of Captain. During his military career he resumed his musical career and formed a band. Once he finished his tour of duty, he began to commit to songwriting full-time. Kristofferson has been married three times and has eight children. He first married his high school sweetheart, Frances Beer. They had two children, Tracy and Kris before divorcing in 1969. In 1973, he married Rita Coolidge and had one child, Casey. They divorced in 1980. In

1983, he married Lisa Meyers and had five children: Jesse Turner, Jody Ray, Johnny Robert, Kelly Marie and Blake Cameron.

His musical career did not have a glamorous start, as he held a janitorial position in Columbus Studios in Nashville until his big hit. For a while, he also held a job as a commercial helicopter pilot for a while. In 1966, he celebrated his first single "Viet Nam Blues", which eventually resulted to Kristofferson signing with Epic Records and releasing another single "Golden Idol"/"Killing Time". Within the next few years, he successfully released singles and performed with Roy Drusky, Billy Walker, Ray Stevens, Jerry Lee Lewis, Faron Young and Roger Miller. He signed with Monument Records as a recording artist, his debut sales were poor, although later on, the album would be a success for the following year. He continued writing singles and received awards for them such as receiving Song of the Year for "For The Good Times". He released two albums in 1971, both fairly successful and during this time, began an acting career as well. That year, he gained many Grammy nominations for numerous songs, eventually clinching Country Song Of The Year.